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GREGG, DEWINE ANNOUNCE MARKUP OF BILL TO GIVE FDA TOBACCO OVERSIGHT

Washington, DC - Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions along with fellow Committee member Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH) announced that the HELP Committee will markup the DeWine-Gregg legislation in September to give the Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco.

"Tobacco is the number one cause of preventable premature death in this country. The bill our committee will consider in September gives the FDA authority to regulate the tobacco industry and in doing so, will ultimately save lives. This legislation will provide greater restrictions over the marketing and distribution of tobacco products, and significantly increase public awareness as to the dangerous effects of smoking," said Senator Gregg.

"We already know that cigarettes are harmful to people's health, but that does not mean tobacco companies should have free reign to market cigarettes however they want and to include whatever ingredients they want. By marking up this legislation, we are taking a step toward reducing the number of children who begin to smoke," said Senator DeWine. "We are taking a step toward limiting the kinds of advertisements directed at our children. And we are taking a step toward finally giving the FDA the authority to fix the problem of youth smoking."

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**THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND
TOBACCO CONTROL ACT
-BILL SUMMARY-**

This legislation:

- Grants FDA authority to regulate the production, distribution, labeling and marketing of tobacco products to protect the public health
- Helps prevent kids from starting smoking by restricting access to and the promotion of tobacco products.
- Provides incentives to help those who want to quit
- Ensures that Consumers are better informed about all aspects of tobacco production, including the risks associated with tobacco use.
- Establish protections against illicit trade

This Legislation does not:

- Ban the production of cigarettes
- Ban the marketing or sale of cigarettes
- Allow FDA to regulate tobacco farming

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